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## Paroles de chanson

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# When Will We Be Paid

Par The Staple Singers

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When will we be paid for the work we've done?

When will we be paid for the work we've done?

We have worked this country from shore to shore

Our women cooked all your food and washed all your clothes

We picked all your cotton and laid the railroad steel

Worked our hands to the bone at your lumber mill

I say, when will we be paid for the work we've done?

When will we be paid for the work we've done?

We fought in your wars in every land  
To keep this country free, y'all, for women, children and man  
But any time we ask for pay alone  
That's when everything seems to turn out wrong  
We've been beat up, beat up, called names, called names  
Shot down and stoned  
And every time we do right, someone say we wrong

**When will we be paid for the work we've done?**

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We have given our sweat and all our tears  
We've stumbled through this life for more than 300 years  
We've been separated from the language we knew  
Stripped of our culture, people, you know it's true  
Tell me now, when will we be paid for the work we've done?

**When will we be paid for the work we've done?**

**(When will we be paid for the work we've done?)**

Will we ever be proud of "My country, 'tis of thee"?

**(When will we be paid for the work we've done?)**

Will we ever sing out loud, "Sweet land of liberty"?

**(When will we be paid for the work we've done?)**

**When will we be paid for the work we've done?**

**(When will we be paid for the work we've done?)**

Tell me now, for the work we've done

**(When will we be paid for the work we've done?)**

Will we ever have peace and harmony?

**(When will we be paid for the work we've done?)**

I wanna know, will we ever be paid?

**(When will we be paid for the work we've done?)**

**When will we be paid for the work we've done?**